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Important Military Documents Lying on a Dump

Incredible carelessness with military documents was revealed yesterday afternoon at a dump in Tangkrogen in Århus. It is believed probable, in military circles, that an investigation of the matter will be instigated immediately.

The revelation took place when a 30-year-old former seaman, second class who served under contract in naval defense, Vagner Rasmussen, Læs-søgade 31, Århus, rode past the dump on his bicycle Sunday afternoon in search of subjects for photography. His eyes fell, almost by accident, on a pile of papers and envelopes with broken seals on which was stamped, among other things, "Confidential", "Secret", "NATO-Secret".

The former seaman, second class, who was familiar with quite a number of military papers and procedures in connection with them, thought that there must be something wrong.

He called in the naval officer on duty, Lieutenant J. Petersen, of the Århus Naval Station. When the latter saw the pile of paper, he immediately informed the duty officer of the Jutland Telegraph Regiment, Langelandsgades Kaserne, First Lieutenant P. Espensen.

It was only 10 minutes before servicemen arrived in a Volkswagen truck and picked up the military papers which were on the dump. An officer supervised the collecting of the papers.

Since a strong wind was blowing, it is far from certain that the two enlisted men who were ordered on the detail managed to get everything that was there.

Among the many papers which were lying on the dump were the following:

A folder containing lists and classifications regarding the Danish

Army's military literature, recognition and identification for the Army, and Soviet land forces, leadership and combat.

The military security service.

Security regulations for NATO.

Regulations for reconnaissance work.

Instructions on the intelligence service.

Instructions on combat psychology.

Instructions on camouflaging of all weapons.

Instructions on the use of the infrascopes.

The training of the Army's air troops.

Instructions for recognition and identification for air forces, land forces and naval forces.

Organization of the cryptography service (confidential).

The operations officer of the regiment ~~was~~ signed ^{a receipt} ~~for the folder~~ for the folder.

The pile also contained the following:

Communications to the officers and ~~XXX~~ cadre personnel of the Jutland Telegraph Regiment, ^{including} ~~the~~ the following text, among other things:

"Mr. (rank and name). You are hereby informed that, upon mobilization (the formation of defense forces), there can be expected to be used...."

~~Exercise~~ ^{program}
The complete ~~exercise~~ ^{program} for Operation "Five of Clubs". In the papers were given the area where the ~~operation~~ ^{exercise} would take place, those [units] participating in the exercise and the purpose of the exercise. Furthermore, all the operational conditions concerning the military arrangements. Included under these ^{was} ~~these~~ communications technology, too. In the ~~exercise~~ ^{program}

for the exercise, all the military designations ^{were given} for those connected with NATO who were included in the exercise.

A communication to signal reconnaissance company, 2nd Telegraph Battalion. In this letter from the commander of the Jutland Telegraph Regiment, Colonel F. Worm-Leonhard, the complete list of the leaders of the exercise, the activities of the companies and the signal communications and operational circumstances ^{were given}.

Battalion orders concerning the 3rd Telegraph Battalion. Among ^{information on} other things, these gave holidays, permission to leave the country and official trips abroad.

Applications to Headquarters Allied Forces Baltic Approaches.
Subject: ^{operating} ~~Working~~ expenses for NATO materiel; enclosed, one ^{operating} ~~working~~ report.
Signed: Worm-Leonhard.

Reports on inspections of the guard at the Langelandsghades Kaserne in Århus, with times for posting the guard.

Other communications on reserve guards in the radio ^{communications} ~~network~~ company, together with the ~~staff~~ headquarters and motor pool companies.

Battalion order concerning enlisted men who are to enter the sergeants' school of the Telegraph Troops during the next month and ^{receive} ~~take~~ training there which is important for NATO, and expensive.

Valid repatriation passports and mobilization slips, with physical description and police record of the serviceman named.

The duty officer of the Jutland Telegraph Regiment, First Lieutenant P. Espensen, confirmed the matter last night, but did not wish to add any comments to this.

The regiment's security officer, Major E. Holm, could not be contacted, and the press officer of the garrison, Major B. Opkjær, was on leave.

Colonel F. Worm-Leonhard, Aarhus, chief of the Jutland Telegraph Regiment, last night ordered a thorough-going investigation of the "dump" case. Major P.D. Renoir, regimental staff duty officer has started the interrogations, and has looked at a lot of the military material which was found at Tangkrogen.

According to the preliminary telephone report I received, it is a matter of material from waste baskets which ended up on the dump, said Colonel F. Worm-Leonhard. The cleaning company which is responsible for the destruction of the unclassified waste paper, according to my information, lost ~~these~~ somewhere in Aarhus. We were informed of the matter and sent some personnel out to fetch the waste paper.

Unfortunately, these two conscripts threw the waste in Tangkrogen without informing the duty officer. The latter, on the other hand, did not ask for information.

Colonel Worm-Leonhard concedes that this was an unfortunate situation, but does not consider that any rules have been broken from a military security standpoint. Naturally, through an error, important things could have landed on the dump, said the Colonel, but that circumstance is now being carefully investigated.

What about the papers with information about the conscripts' personal circumstances?

That is a very unfortunate situation, but that is also being investigated. We will get to the bottom of the situation.